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The reply filed on 12/28/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because:

- 1) The claims are directed to a non-elected invention.
- 2) The original disclosure does not support the addition of Figure 1A, or the predetermined width of the opening being generally less than the predetermined width of the base. Further, the addition of such matter is considered new matter.
- 3) The Decision on Petition Regarding Restriction Requirement, mailed 7/13/2005, addressed and denied the Applicant's subject matter of the predetermined width of the opening being generally less than the predetermined width of the base

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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